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### BOOK REVIEWS.

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**Reflections of a Lawyer**, by Morris Salem, of the New York Bar. 128 Broadway, New York. 1911. Published by the Author. Price, 50 cents in Cloth; 35 cents in Paper.

It is said of a Virginia colporteur that he once found in the Ragged Mountains an old lady who had never heard of the crucifixion. When he detailed it to her in an eloquent manner, the old lady was moved to tears and inquired when and where the incident occurred. On being told that it was thousands of miles away and over eighteen hundred years ago she exclaimed that it was so far off and so long ago she hoped it was not true.

Some of the charges made against New York judges and lawyers in this little book make us repeat the hope of the old lady; for if the condition of the New York Bar and the behavior of the New York judges is as indicated in this book, God save the Commonwealth! But the little book itself has a great deal of valuable matter put in terse shape and we do not believe the law schools of this country could do any better than to place this book in the hands of their aspirants for the bar.

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**The Laws of England**, being a complete statement of the whole law of England. By Right Honorable Earl of Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, 1885-92, 1895-05. London. Volume 19. Butterworth & Company, 1112 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Lawyers' Co-Operative Publishing Company, Rochester, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. 1912. Price \$7.50 net.

Volume 19 treats of the subject of Liens through Malicious Prosecution, and is accompanied by a supplement which brings Volumes 1 to 17 up to date. The article on Liens is an excellent one and practically common both to this country and to England, as is also the question of Malicious Prosecution. The other articles in the volume, such as Limitations, Lunatics and Magistrates, are of course of interest only to English lawyers, except as throwing light upon statutes of a similar nature in this country. The volume is in every way equal to its predecessors.

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**The Lawyers' Reports Annotated**—New Series: Book 34. Burdett A. Rich, Henry P. Farnham, Editors, 1912. Rochester, N. Y. The Lawyers' Co-Operative Publishing Company. Price \$4.00.

The usual care in selection and wealth of annotation is shown in the present volume. The note on page 74 as to Presumption as to

Distinctive Elements of Murder in the First Degree from Use of Deadly Weapon quotes Virginia cases extensively. The note on page 225 as to Liability for Injuries to Passenger inside Car from Sudden Starting or Stopping of Train or Car is a very full and complete one. We have also found the note on page 261, Determination of Case Properly Governed by Law of Foreign Country Which Is Not Proved, very interesting.

The note on page 323 as to the Right of One to Testify as to His Intent is a very valuable addition to the note in a former volume, bring the law upon this question up to date. The note on page 890 as to the Power to Prohibit or Regulate the Sale of "Soft" Drinks is very interesting and valuable in view of the question that is repeatedly raised as to what a "soft" drink is. There is quite a long and valuable note on page 587 to *Crawford v. Heatwole*, 110 Va. 358 as to Stipulation for Damages in Building Contracts as Penalty of Liquidated Damages.

An examination of the work in each one of these volumes convinces one that no busy lawyer can afford to be without the series.